

Chief's Priority: Violence Against Women November 2014

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Background

- Chief Bordeleau identified Violence Against Women (VAW) as a priority
- Lead - A/Superintendent Joan McKenna
- VAW-Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) started in January 2014
- Excellent example of police-community collaboration



Community Collaboration

- Community organizations and police working collaboratively on ending VAW
- Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is taking a leadership role in Ottawa to make VAW a community issue (no longer just a women's issue)
- Through effective prevention and response from the entire community, we can create sustainable change



Committee Membership

- OPS
- Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO)
- Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW)
- Community partners: Sexual Assault Network, Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre, Children's Aid Society, Immigrant Women Services Ottawa, Interval House, New Directions, University of Ottawa, Minwaashin Lodge, Harmony House and the Ottawa Hospital



Committee Terms of Reference

- Looking at VAW in all its forms as a human rights issue
- Committed to ensuring safety of women and perpetrators' accountability
- Open dialogue
- Strengthening relationships
- Measurable, Reviewable, Actionable!



Projects and Sub Committees

- **Research: Chair Prof. Holly Johnson, U of O**
 - Analyze patterns in OPS statistics on VAW; interview female victims of violence about their experiences with the OPS
- **Prevention: Chair Nancy Worsfold, CPO**
 - Exploring the role of community-police partnership in prevention of violence against women before it happens
- **Response: A/Supt. Joan McKenna, OPS**
 - Improve OPS response to victims/survivors of VAW



Research

- Statistical analysis of OPS data on sexual assaults, intimate partner violence and other violent crime (2009-2013)
- Research project established to interview victims:
 - Recruitment through OPS & social service agencies
 - Interviews by telephone, in person, and on-line
 - Shared experiences with OPS at all stages
 - Target: 200+ respondents
 - Timelines: November 2014 – February 2015



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Prevention

- Started with survey of current prevention work – both OPS and community
- “Harmonizing the message” project started with sexting presentations of SROs and community and now growing
- I Can MANifest Change Campaign
 - Builds on work started by OCTEVAW in 2011
 - November 2014 - April 2015
 - Social Media
 - Workshops



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Response

- Identify gaps in VAW
- Consultation with front-line workers – Nov 27
- Research results
- Themes to action
- Better service to all



Thank you!

Questions?